in Saudi Arabia. Government has waived charges for relissue of travel documents lost in the fire and arranged for distribution of cash and clothes in jeddah to the needy Indian pilgrims affected by the fire.

The Saudi Government has not announced any compensation to the victims of the Mina fire.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The reaction of the Saudi Arabian Government has been positive. They have assured comprehensive measures and more vigilant steps for the safety of the pilgrims in future.

Supply of Chinese Military Technology to Pakistan

1719. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of China's military technology supply to Pakistan;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Sino-Pakistan co-opeartion has been established on the transfer of missiles and the nuclear technology;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(d) whether the matter has been taken up by Government with China; and

(e) if so, the response of the Chinese Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have seen reports regarding export of Chinese military technology by China to Pakistan.

(c) to (e) Government have consistently expressed concern at the supply of sophisticated arms and missiles by China to Pakistan beyond its legitimate requirements as this poses a threat to India's security and is not conducive to the maintenance of peace and stability in the region. Government's concern regarding Pakistan's weapons oriented nuclear and missiles development programme is well known and have been conveyed to China.

China's response has been that its military exports to Pakistan are in limited quantity, do not affect the balance of power in the region and are for legitimate defence requirements. China has also said it does not support or assist other countries in developing nucler weapons.

Government are continuing to take all necessary measures to safeguard India's security.

भारत और रूस नई चीनी मिसाइलों के निशाने पर

1720. श्री रामगोपाल यादव:
श्री सूर्यभान पाटील वहाडणे:

क्या प्रधान मंत्री मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 11 जुलाई, 1997 के "राष्ट्रीय सहारा" के मुख्य पृष्ठ पर "चीन की नई मिसाइल के निशाने पर भारत व रूस " नामक शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है; और

(ग) देश की सुरक्षा और वर्तमान हालात के मद्देनजर सरकार का भारत-चीन संबंध पर क्या दृष्टिकोण होगा?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कमला सिन्हा): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) सरकार को भारत तथा रूस के विरुद्ध चीनी प्रक्षेपास्त्रों की तैनाती के बारे में समाचार पत्रों में छपी खबरों की जानकारी है। भारत सरकार अपने ऊपर खतरे की आशंका को देखते हुए देश की सुरक्षा तथा राष्ट्रीय हित की हिफाजत के लिए सभी आवश्यक कदम उठाने के लिए कटिबद्ध है।